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Prior Art Summary:

Prior art UltraSPARC – II platforms from Sun Microsystems, Inc. of Santa Clara, California employ a software scrubber scheme for their external caches such that erroneous but clean (unmodified) lines are simply invalidated, since shared memory has good copies. In the prior art UltraSPARC – III from Sun Microsystems, Inc. of Santa Clara, California, there is hardware to do the same.

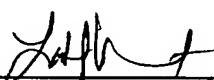
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